

## Eight Candidates Explain Views To a Packed Council Chamber

by Diane Oberg

Eight of the nine candidates for seats on the Greenbelt City Council gathered on Tuesday, October 6 at the candidates night forum hosted by Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI). The eight were the five incumbents: Judith Davis, Konrad Herling, Leta Mach, Edward Putens and Rodney Roberts plus challengers Emmett Jordan, Kelly Ivy and Silke Pope. Candidate Che Sayles did not attend. The audience filled all the chairs, as well as most of the standing room along the sides of the council chamber.

### GHI Questions

Moderator Errol Mazursky, a member of GHI's board of directors, posed two questions to the candidates, followed by audience questions. His second question appeared to raise the most differences among the candidates: Given the economy and the resulting reduction in property values, what steps should council take to deal with the impact of a reduced tax base?

Herling stressed the importance of preserving the quality of life. Instead of layoffs, council should seek to bring in non-tax

income, noting his advocacy for a city marketing staffer. He said that current city services should be maintained.

Jordan agreed that the city should more aggressively seek alternative funding. For example, it could work more closely with the business community to build the city's tax base. Greenbelt has great services, he said, and he wants to keep them.

Ivy said that he cannot promise that the city will not cut programs or people. His priorities would be preserving the police, fire and public works departments' budgets. In other areas, were it necessary to cut staff, the city could seek grants and volunteers to maintain services.

Roberts noted that potential homebuyers now ask about the city's tax rate, which he said has gotten so high it affects residents' ability to sell their homes and the city's ability to attract businesses. Eventually, he said, the city has to learn to live within what citizens have to give.

Pope said that "for now" no one wants to cut programs but that she agrees with Ivy's priori-

ties. No one, she said, can make promises as they do not know what will happen. The city needs to tighten its belt, with community input. Some programs may be underutilized, she noted.

Mach said the city has to find savings and evaluate programs. Potential savings may include increasing energy efficiency, trimming the vehicle fleet, use of purchasing cooperatives and linking resources to projects. Her spending priorities include maintaining the city's property tax credit, the Greenbelt Assistance in Living program, CARES, public safety and a living wage for city employees that is greater than the minimum wage.

Putens praised council's cooperative efforts with College Park, Berwyn Heights and New Carrollton, such as their joint purchase of a street sweeper. He cautioned that "everyone here" is two paychecks away from losing everything and that seniors and the young will be the most affected.

Davis noted that there are

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## Candidates Air Thoughts On New Election Procedures

*We pose four questions to the nine candidates seeking election to the Greenbelt City Council on November 3, with one question answered per week. Last week we printed the candidates' views on development and the economy. The responses are limited to 300 words. The order in which the responses are published is determined by lot. This week we publish their answers to question three, on the effectiveness of the newly-adopted election procedures.*

**Do you support the changes in election procedures enacted by the city council to achieve greater voter participation and diversity of candidates? If not, why not? Are other changes needed? If so, what changes?**

### Leta Mach

I support the changes in our election procedures. Much soul-searching was involved in these changes and I am hopeful that they will result in greater voter participation and diversity of community viewpoints on the City Council.

For well over a year, Council, citizens, city staff and others have considered the election process. During that time numerous work sessions, public forums and other discussions have taken place.

As a result, we are making changes to help increase involvement:

- more voter outreach and education about city government and

our elections including sending a brochure about city elections to all city addresses

- early voting in three areas of the city
- expanding City Council to seven members from the current five.

Already we have seen results in that more citizens have been encouraged to run for public office.

However, some initiatives have yet to be fully realized. We need to have similar banners announcing city events in all areas of the city. We need to find appropriate locations and

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## 5th Utopia Film Festival Has Week of Film Events

by Susan Gervasi

Greenbelt's annual Utopia Film Festival kicks off Monday, October 19 with a week of film events, some of them free, to celebrate its milestone fifth birthday in 2009 and to express appreciation to Greenbelt residents for their continuing support.

"Utopia has continued to grow each year," said Greenbelt filmmaker and Utopia programming chair Erica Ginsberg. "We are continuing to attract film submissions from around the world. At the same time we have remained true to the spirit and values of the local community by involving a number of Greenbelters in selecting the films for this year's festival."

The Utopia Film Festival is an annual project of nonprofit



Greenbelt Access Television (GATE), which launched the festival in 2005.

"This growth piques the interest of new filmmakers and validates the participation of those who screened in previous years," added Chris Haley, a professional actor and filmmaker now serving in his fourth year as Utopia Executive Director.

The free Utopia events start Monday, October 19 and continue through Thursday, October 22 to be followed in the weekend of October 24 through 25 with more than 50 independent features, documentaries, shorts, animation and experimental works screening at four

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## Council Struggles with Complex Issues of Metro South Core Plans

by Thomas X. White

At a worksession on Monday, October 5 the Greenbelt City Council began its review and consideration of proposed revisions to the detailed site plan (DSP) for the so-called South Core development in Greenbelt West. The worksession was attended by the entire council, the city manager and assistant city manager, City Solicitor Robert Manzi and Amy Hofstra and Terri Hruby of the city's Planning and Community Development staff.

Also attending representing developer interests for the project was Garth Beall of the law firm McNamee, Hosea, Jernigan, Kim, Greenan & Lynch, P.A., for the A. H. Smith Estate, owners of the Greenbelt Metropark LLC (Metropark LLC) property. Others present were M. Courtney Truth, vice president of Craftstar Homes, and David Kaufman, also of Craftstar Homes, and Norman Rivera of the law firm representing Craftstar homes, Rifkin, Livingston, Levitan and Silver, LLC.

In the audience but not participating in the discussions were representatives of K. Hovnanian Homes, another builder interested in the South Core project, as well as the chairperson and several

members of the city's Advisory Planning Board (APB).

In early September the APB transmitted its report to council on the proposed revisions to the DSP giving approval to the Craftstar proposal to build rear-garage town homes on a portion of the subdivided lots located east of the proposed connector road in the South Core development. The Craftstar project would include only 122 homes out of a total of 342 housing units originally planned and approved in 2006.

Other units covered by the DSP are 61 front-garage townhomes, 130 multi-family condominiums and 4,176 square feet of live-work space. Following the economic downturn however, Pulte backed out of the project.

The Smith estate has contracted with Craftstar Homes to purchase the 122 lots to try to jump-start development in the area.

Included with the APB report was a minority report from two board members who oppose going forward with piecemeal development in view of present uncertainties. They recommend that the city not give approval to any DSP revisions. (News Review September 10, 2009).

### Another Denial

The city's Planning and Community Development staff also recommend denial of the proposed revisions to the DSP. They provided an analysis and background information for council, reiterating their concern that the city would have to amend important covenant agreements entered into in 2006 with Metropark LLC if revisions to the DSP submitted for Craftstar Homes are approved.

The October 1, 2009, report concluded: "As the submission materials from Craftstar are inconsistent and incomplete and the architectural plans inferior to those approved for Pulte, staff does not recommend amending the covenant agreement at this time."

Mayor Judith Davis opened the worksession by noting that this is the first opportunity for council to consider the proposed development and that the Greenbelt West development is very important for Greenbelt. She called on Amy Hofstra to provide the staff analysis on the proposal.

Hofstra's presentation not only highlighted the importance of the Greenbelt West development

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# Letters to the Editor

## City Shelter Featured In Online Contest

I have always read the News Review with interest and never considered sending in comments but the time has come. In my morning ritual I go online to TheAnimalRescueSite.com to make a daily click for a bowl of food for a rescue animal (the site has other important locations also). I always check the contest they have for the best rescue facility in the country. To my sheer joy and amazement the City of Greenbelt has finally been included!

I am asking all residents who care for animals to please go to this website and vote every day for our Animal Control Department. The grand prize is \$100,000 but there are many smaller amounts. I feel Susie and company should be made aware of how much they are appreciated.

Thank you all.  
Karen Croom

## Papering for Politics

Our current mayor told us early on this City Council election would be a different animal. More candidates, some of them unfamiliar with past election practices, would enter as there are two more seats available. Democracy at work, one of Greenbelt's foundations . . .

One thing this election has changed is the amount of waste generated, particularly in the form of fliers pasted to our car windows, usually by the same candidate, Che Sayles, over and over again. Having lived here a mere 33 years, I considered the first plastering normal. The second time was aggravating, the third generated an unanswered note of concern to the Sayles campaign website. I wrote this kind of

campaign littering might hurt his chances in the election. I even made my argument to Mr. Sayles face-to-face during the Labor Day Parade. He was not interested in a voter's opinion.

This weekend cars in Greenbriar were papered for a fourth time, still with about three weeks until Election Day. I'm absolutely sure I will not vote for Che Sayles on November 3. He does not have the sensitivity to be an elected leader in this city.

Gary Thomas

## Campaign Spending?

The News Review has done all of us a service by publishing the campaign expense summaries of candidates for city council. These positions pay \$10,000 per year and take up a significant amount of each council member's time. According to the expense summaries one candidate has spent \$11,000 of his own money for his campaign including rental of office space. His current employment is listed as a county employee without any further detail. From previous News Review articles on the candidate's biography, this individual has recently moved to Greenbelt and lives in Empirian Village/Springhill Lake. Only one other candidate reported expenses of over \$2,000 and this individual did identify his donors.

Am I the only one who finds this a bit strange? If a candidate is spending \$11,000 of his own money on a Greenbelt municipal election, I would question his ability, if elected, to make sound decisions on Greenbelt's financial issues.

William E. Hatch

## BCWWG Clean Up, Woods Walk on Sat.

Join Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group (BCWWG) in a clean up on Sunnyside Avenue Saturday morning from 9 to 10 a.m. Dress in boots and old clothes with dirt in mind – bags will be provided. Meet on Sunnyside between Kenilworth Avenue and the railroad tracks. Call Frank Gervasi for more information, 301 474 7680.

The woods walk is with Joe Murray, naturalist, at 10 a.m. Meet on Hamilton Place in front of the GHI building. Come prepared to walk in the woods (long pants and boots recommended); drinking water and a notebook are recommended. Murray will discuss plants and their uses; animal behavior and survival techniques. Call Susan Barnett 301 474 7465 for details.

## Canine Good Citizen Test Benefits VFD

On Sunday, October 18 from noon to 3 p.m., Greenbelt Dog Training will conduct its semi-annual Canine Good Citizen Test at the Greenbelt fire house. A variety of dog training and identification events will be held, with all proceeds benefiting the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad.

The basic canine good citizen test, conducted by Allie W. Lee, an AKC-certified evaluator, takes 10 to 15 minutes and is administered at a cost of \$10 per dog. There will also be a micro-chip clinic and pet/owner photos available. The event is open to all dogs, with mixed breeds welcome. Owners should bring proof of rabies vaccination.

The fire house is at 125 Crescent Road. For information call 301-345-6999, email info@greenbeltdogtraining.com or visit www.greenbeltdogtraining.com.

Grin Belt



"Someday, son, when you become famous you might get invited to the Space Station."

## Status Changes Loom for St. Hugh School

Fr. Walter Tappe called a consultation meeting of all St. Hugh's School parents and all parishioners on October 13. He announced that enrollment is still extremely low at the school and he sees only three options for the school: 1) Raise \$250,000 by November 30 to insure the school can stay open next school year (2010-2011); 2) close the school at the end of the current school year; or 3) investigate forming a regional school with St. Joseph's School in Beltsville.

Tappe favors the last option as there would be room for all the St. Hugh's students at the Beltsville school. One major idea from those at the meeting who recognized that the school may not remain viable would be the possibility of having some grades of a new regional school at St. Hugh's and the other grades at St. Joseph. No final decisions were reached.

More details of the meeting will be in next week's paper.

Are You Looking For Your Letter?

If you don't see it, it could be because you didn't sign it and didn't give us a telephone number where we could reach you.

All letters must be signed and the letter writer's name, address and telephone number should be typed or clearly printed.

All letters are subject to editing for reasons of space, libel, taste and clarity. Letters are considered accepted when published.

Letters Notice

Next week, October 20, will be the last issue for anyone to write a story or letter to the editor that for the first time broaches a new issue concerning the city council election. This is to give everyone an opportunity to present the other side before the election.

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

# Community Events

## At the Library Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.

Tuesday, October 20, 1:30 and 2 p.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies for each group.

Wednesday, October 21, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, October 22, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages three to five years, limit 20 children.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children's Desk.

### Book Discussion

Tuesday, October 20, 7 p.m., an adult book discussion, "A Most Wanted Man" by John Le Carre will be held.

## GHI Notes

Thursday, October 15, 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting – Board Room

Friday, October 16, Offices closed (emergency maintenance available, call 301-474-6011.

Sunday, October 18, 12:30 to 4 p.m., Community Wide Open House – Roosevelt Center

Monday, October 19, 7 p.m., Communications Committee – GHI Lobby

Wednesday, October 21, 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee – GHI Lobby

7:30 p.m., Finance Committee – Board Room

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

## Explorations Hosts Osteoarthritis Talk

Those among the millions suffering from osteoarthritis are invited to join Explorations Unlimited for a session with Dr. Patrick M. Cronin on Friday, October 23. Cronin has lectured at the annual Thomas Jefferson University Rheumatology Update Conference, published articles about systemic sclerosis and is a Relevance Reviewer for the American Board of Internal Medicine. He is a Fellow of the American College of Rheumatology, a member of the American Osteopathic Association, Scleroderma Foundation, Philadelphia Rheumatism Association and Washington, D.C. Rheumatism Association.

There are 27 million Americans age 25 and over living with osteoarthritis today. The condition itself can vary dramatically between patients. The good news is osteoarthritis typically is not a crippling form of arthritis, but, it can be very painful. Most find a regular regimen of activity, medication and weight control beneficial. Damage caused by osteoarthritis is not reversible so the time to seek help is now.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom, Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

More Community Events appear throughout the newspaper.

## Reel and Meal Movie Opens Film Festival

In a kickoff event for the Fifth Utopia Film Festival, the next Reel and Meal at the New Deal will show the film "American Colonies: Collapse of the Bee" (78 min.) at 7 p.m. on Monday, October 19 at the New Deal Café. A vegan meal will be available for purchase starting at 6:30 p.m. There is no charge to see the film.

The important role of bees in the environment and economy was underlined after the mysterious problem of Colony Collapse Disorder started to decimate honeybee colonies in recent years. This film focuses on scientists, beekeepers and other experts and how to bring bees back for the sake of the food supply and global economy.

Guest speakers are film director Jason Kushner; Greenbelt resident Jay Evans, who appears in the film and is a research entomologist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture; Nathan Rice, also of Greenbelt, who is a biological science technician at U.S. Department of Agriculture doing field projects on bee diseases; and Wayne Esaias, oceanographer and beekeeper, Goddard Space Flight Center who is working on climate change models and bee colonies.

Festival coordinators will talk about other films to be shown; Utopia Film Festival tickets can be purchased. Jack Gerbes, head of the Maryland Film Office will attend.

The Reel and Meal is a monthly film series held at the New Deal Café that explores vital environmental and social justice issues.

For more information email [srkane@gmail.com](mailto:srkane@gmail.com).

## Free Sundaes Sat. At Co-op Event

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 17 the Co-op will be offering free ice cream treats. Sample Edy's ice cream and make a sundae. Family and friends are welcome, too.

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There will be a Kids' Open Microphone session at the New Deal Café on Sunday, October 18 from 1 to 3 p.m. Children aged 17 and under are invited to perform for up to five minutes, play a musical instrument, sing, dance, or recite a poem.

For more information call Anne Gardner at 301-220-1721 or email [annegrdrnr@yahoo.com](mailto:annegrdrnr@yahoo.com).

## Mamas and Papas Meet Wednesday

The Greenbelt Mamas and Papas group consists of parents of young children who provide fellowship and support for each other. New members are always welcome.

The group meets every Wednesday at the playground opposite Greenbelt Public Library on Crescent Road. (The winter and inclement weather location is at the Greenbelt Youth Center.) Bring a simple lunch dish to share every second Wednesday. For more details go to <http://www.greenbelt.com/mamasandpapas/index.html>.

Group members can help one another through babysitter exchanges, toy and clothing swaps, scheduling field trips, and exercising together and with their children.

## TRU-Greenbelt Will Meet Sat. Morning

The next meeting of Transit Riders United of Greenbelt (TRU-Greenbelt) is on Saturday, October 17 from 10 a.m. to noon at Greenbelt Community Church, 1 Hillside Road in the basement meeting room. The group has had its first meeting with city and county planners to discuss local bus routes. Now is the time to express concerns, strategize and present a united front from different neighborhoods and bus lines.

Limited rides to the meeting are available on a first-come, first-served basis. To request a ride or volunteer one, call Anna Socrates at 301-441-4504 or email [annasoc1@verizon.net](mailto:annasoc1@verizon.net).

To stay informed on action and future meetings email contact information to [annasoc1@verizon.net](mailto:annasoc1@verizon.net). To join the TRU-Greenbelt listserv and find out how to help, send an email to [TRU-Greenbelt-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:TRU-Greenbelt-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

### EARLY VOTING NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, Oct. 24, 9am to 1pm  
Sunday, Oct. 25, 11am to 2pm  
Springhill Lake Recreation Center  
6101 Cherrywood Lane

### Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club Meeting

Friday, October 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Greenbriar Community Center Terrace Room,  
7600 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, Md.

Our invited speaker is Mr. Douglas Gansler,  
Attorney General of the State of Maryland.

For information please call 301-386-0762  
or visit <http://roosevelt.pgdem.com/>

Please bring a snack or dessert to share.

Enough with the films, already - come see live people on stage!

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## Annual Meeting

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Greenbelt News Review will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 25 in the News Review office.

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## Week of OCT. 16

FRI. – SAT.  
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs, PG  
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Couples Retreat, PG-13 (!)  
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Law Abiding Citizen, R (!)  
11:40, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10:20  
Where the Wild Things Are, PG (!)  
12:10, 2:45, 5:15, 8, 10:30  
Stepfather, PG-13 (!)  
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Good Hair, PG-13 (!)  
12:10, 2:45, 5:10, 7:40, 10:25  
Tyler Perry's  
"I Can Do Bad all by Myself"  
PG-13  
12:10, 2:45  
Janky Promoters, R  
5:15, 8, 10:35  
Zombieland, R  
12:10, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:25

SUN.  
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# Obituaries

## Dorothy Galvin

Dorothy Galvin, 93, longtime Greenbelt resident died on September 14, 2009.

Mrs. Galvin was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on August 29, 1916. She moved to Greenbelt in 1943 where she nurtured her family with unfailing love and devotion. She loved poetry, education, bridge and politics. She cared deeply about others and spent her adult life volunteering in the community and in her church.

Mrs. Galvin was a member of the Greenbelt Community Church where she was committed to participating in the annual Crop Walk; she loved her church and was known for walking all over Greenbelt well into her senior years.

Her husband Frank J. Galvin preceded her in death. She is survived by a daughter Leslie Carolyn and a son James Francis; grandchildren Lisa Taylor, Lori Holtzman and Christine Galvin-Combet; and by three great-grandchildren, Megan, Stephen and Luke.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Greenbelt Community Church Memorial Grove in memory of Dorothy Galvin.

## Waldir Pedersoli

Dr. Waldir M. Pedersoli, 75, an Alzheimer's patient who wandered from home on August 24, 2007, was found deceased on October 1, 2009. He was still wearing the Alzheimer's Association bracelet which was to help him be returned home if lost.

Dr. Pedersoli was born April 4, 1932, in Belo Horizonte, MG, Brazil. He received a doctorate in veterinary medicine at the Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG) in 1956 and his master's and doctorate degrees in pharmacology from the University of Illinois in Urbana in 1966. He taught pharmacology at the School of Veterinary Medicine at Auburn University in Auburn, Ala., for over 21 years. Upon retiring from Auburn University, Dr. Pedersoli moved to Lanham where he became a researcher for the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Veterinary Medicine in Laurel. He retired from the FDA in 1993.

Dr. Pedersoli was an avid soccer fan and assisted his son John Pedersoli in coaching a Greenbelt girls' soccer team.

He belonged to the Catholic Community of Greenbelt.

He is survived by his wife, Heleni M. Pedersoli; a daughter, Miriam Pinheiro of Beltsville; two sons, John Pedersoli of Greenbelt; Marcello Pedersoli of Hollywood, Fla.; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, October 15 at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church in Greenbelt.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Association.



Our sympathy to the wife and family of the late Dr. Waldir M. Pedersoli of Lanham, Md. A memorial Mass was said at St. Hugh's church on Thursday, October 15.

Sympathy also to the family and friends of Phillis K. Galt, who died October 10, 2009. Mrs. Galt played bridge in the Community Center. She attended Greenbelt Community Church where a viewing will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, October 16, followed by a memorial service at 7 p.m.

Condolences to the family and friends of Doris Luckett of Lakecrest Drive, who died October 9, 2009. She was a eucharistic minister at St. Hugh's church.

Congratulations to the City of Greenbelt, named by national nonprofit KaBOOM! as having one of the top 12 play programs in the country for taking over part of the upkeep costs for Homeowner Association-owned playgrounds threatened with closure in efforts to avoid maintenance fees.

We enjoyed hearing about Editor Mary Lou Williamson's Columbus Day weekend visit from daughter Margaret Williamson, son-in-law Jose Navarrete and three boys that included a train trip to see and photograph



PHOTO BY MARGARET WILLIAMSON

Following in the family newspaper tradition, Editor Mary Lou Williamson's grandson photographer Jorge, 6, is caught in action by his mom on a family trip to Philadelphia Columbus Day weekend.

sights in Philadelphia.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Springhill Lake/Empirian Village).

To send information for Our Neighbors email us at [newsreview@greenbelt.com](mailto:newsreview@greenbelt.com) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

Kathleen McFarland

## Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Hillside & Crescent Roads  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
[www.greenbeltucc.org](http://www.greenbeltucc.org)  
Sunday Worship  
10:15 a.m.  
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

*"A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."*

## Greenbelt Baptist Church

101 Greenhill Road  
Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212  
[www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org)

**Welcome!**

|           |          |                            |
|-----------|----------|----------------------------|
| Sunday    | 9:45 am  | Sunday School              |
| Sunday    | 11:00 am | Worship Service            |
| Wednesday | 7:00 pm  | Prayer Meeting/Bible Study |

**ALL are Welcome!**

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## HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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|                |                           |
|----------------|---------------------------|
| Sunday 8:15 am | Worship Service           |
| 9:15 am        | Sunday School/Bible Study |
| 10:30 am       | Worship Service           |

Fax 301-220-0694 • E-mail [myholycross@verizon.net](mailto:myholycross@verizon.net)

## ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-474-4322

**Mass Schedule:**  
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.  
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.  
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.  
Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe  
Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd

## Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building

## Free Lunchtime Tours at Botanic Garden

What do manila folders, Chanel No. 5, vanilla and fossil fuels have in common? The answer: They all come from plants on permanent display in the U. S. Botanic Garden Conservatory.

A knowledgeable guide will connect the exotic plant world to everyday life for visitors who

may see bananas and coffee ripening on the tree, watch the Venus flytrap catch a meal or learn about the next big breakthrough in medicinal plant research.

These free lunchtime tours are held every Monday and Thursday in October. They start at noon and end at 1 p.m. No pre-registration is needed.

## Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt  
Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors  
[www.greenbeltumc.org](http://www.greenbeltumc.org) 301-474-9410  
Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00am      Worship Service 10:00am  
Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am

## Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi  
Phone: 301-937-3666      [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)  
*Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community*

**October 18, 10 a.m.**  
"A Theology of Pain and Suffering" by Rev. Diane Teichert with Shantida, worship associate, and choir.  
How to make meaning of the pain and suffering in the lives of people we love has to be one of life's toughest challenges. On what shall we draw for understanding, for sustenance, for hope?

## St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church

7010 Glenn Dale Road  
(Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)  
301-262-3285 | [rector@stgeo.org](mailto:rector@stgeo.org) | [www.stgeo.org](http://www.stgeo.org)

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| <b>Sundays:</b>    | 8:00 am  | Simple, quiet Mass                                   |
|                    | 9:00 am  | Christian education for all ages                     |
|                    | 10:00 am | Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted |
|                    | 1:30 pm  | Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only)         |
| <b>Wednesdays:</b> | 7:00 pm  | Simple, quiet Mass                                   |

*An inclusive congregation!*

The soul, after its separation from the body, will continue to progress until it attaineth the presence of God, in a state and condition which neither the revolution of ages and centuries, nor the changes and chances of this world, can alter. It will endure as long as the Kingdom of God, His sovereignty, His dominion and power will endure. (Bahá'u'lláh)

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community  
1-800-22-UNITE      301-345-2918  
[Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com](mailto:Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com)      [www.bahai.us](http://www.bahai.us)

## Mishkan Torah Congregation

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
Rabbi Jonathan Cohen      Cantor Phil Greenfield

Friday evening services 8:00 PM except first Friday of the month, when children's service begins at 7:30 PM

Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM  
Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.

For further information call 301 474-4223 [www.mishkantorah.org](http://www.mishkantorah.org)  
Conservative and Reconstructionist

## Hope Fellowship

... living life together

## Bible Study & Worship

9:30 "Good Morning! Coffee and Snacks  
10:00 a.m. Bible Study      11:00 a.m. Worship  
Pastor Nigel C. Black, MDiv.

99 Centerway      Greenbelt Rec Center  
(Behind the Community Center)

BE A PART OF OUR WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION!

301-474-4499



# City Information

## ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon at the Public Works Yard

City residents can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items. Bring your items to the collection bins located at Greenbelt Public Works, 555 Crescent Road.

Accepted items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptop computers, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, alkaline batteries, CFLs and fluorescent tubes 4' and under (residential only). New! Expanded Polystyrene (block "Styrofoam" #6).

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE FOR DROP-OFF OF MORE THAN 10 ITEMS OR ITEMS OVER 50 LBS. PLEASE CALL 301-474-8308 IN ADVANCE.

## Property Tax Credit Information

The deadline for filing for the State property tax credit program, and thus Greenbelt's, has been extended to November 2nd. Information and an application are available from the State of Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation and its website at [www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/taxcredits.html](http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/taxcredits.html)

CANDIDATES FORUMS AVAILABLE ON DEMAND AT WWW.GREENBELTMD.GOV!

## NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

City of Greenbelt, Maryland- November 3, 2009

### SAMPLE BALLOT

| MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL<br>(Vote for no more than seven) |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| CHE SAYLES   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| JUDITH F. DAVIS  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| EDWARD V. J. PUTENS                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| LETA M. MACH   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| SILKE I. POPE  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| RODNEY M. ROBERTS  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| KELLY P. IVY, SR.  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| EMMETT V. JORDAN   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| KONRAD E. HERLING  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| WRITE-IN   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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## Notice of Charter Amendment Resolution

At its regular meeting of September 29, 2009, the City Council adopted a resolution to amend the City Charter. As required by state law, this resolution will be posted in its entirety for 40 days, until November 8, at the Municipal Building, as well as on the City's Web site at [www.greenbelt-md.gov](http://www.greenbelt-md.gov). Copies may also be requested of the City Clerk. It will become effective on November 18, 2009, unless a proper petition to submit the amendment to the voters on a referendum is filed as permitted by law. As also required by state law, this notice is given to provide a fair summary of the resolution.

### Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2009-3

A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition as Amended), Title, "Corporation-Municipal," Subtitle "Home Rule" to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, in Whole or in Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 Edition as Amended), as Prepared by the Department of Legislative Services Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Amending Section 5, Titled, "Meetings"; Section 7 Titled "Council-Rules; Attendance; Expulsion of Members"; Section 8 Titled "Same-Quorum, Procedure" and Section 9 Titled "Ordinances and Resolutions – Procedure for Adoption; Enacting Clause" to Establish New Voting Requirements for Instances Where More than a Simple Majority of Council is Required to Take Certain Actions (Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2009-3)

There are multiple instances in the City Charter where more than a simple majority of Council members is required to take certain action. When Charter Amendment Resolution 2009-2 (Resolution 1045) became effective on August 11, 2009, increasing the size of the City Council to seven members, these "supermajority" thresholds were effectively reduced. This resolution will change these voting thresholds so that supermajority requirements are maintained for these actions.

For additional information, contact Cindy Murray, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000 or [cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov).

## DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

Saturday, October 24, 6-8pm

Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road

Dads and their Daughters grades K-8

\$25/Couple add \$10 for each additional daughter.

Treat your daughter to an evening she won't forget! Includes dinner, dancing, contests, door prizes and a 5x7 photo! Tickets now on sale at the Youth Center Business Office in the Youth Center, 99 Centerway. Mondays-Fridays from 9am-4:30pm. Or, you may call 301-397-2200 to order by phone.

## VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

Vacancies exist on:  
Youth Advisory Committee  
Forest Preserve Advisory Board  
Arts Advisory Board.  
For more info call 301-474-8000.

## MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER 19-23

Wednesday, October 21 at 7pm, JOINT MEETING OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD AND THE GHI WOODLANDS COMMITTEE, GHI Board Room, Hamilton Place.

Wednesday, October 21 at 7:30pm, ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD, Greenbelt Community Center. On the agenda...City Wide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan.

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000 or contact the City Clerk at [cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov).*

For City news, information and events visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov). See our on-demand video library! Also, become a fan of the City of Greenbelt on FaceBook!

## CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

ANY REGISTERED GREENBELT VOTER MAY CHOOSE TO VOTE BY

EARLY VOTING or ABSENTEE VOTING! NO MORE EXCUSES!

**EARLY VOTING:** This is the first municipal election in which any qualified voter of the City of Greenbelt may choose to vote by EARLY VOTING. The purpose of the change is to give an additional option to voters and make it easier to vote in City elections.

### EARLY VOTING DATES AND LOCATIONS

| Schrom Hills Park Clubhouse<br>6915 Hanover Parkway   | Springhill Lake Recreation Ctr.<br>6101 Cherrywood Lane   | Greenbelt Municipal Building<br>25 Crescent Road   |
|---|---|--|
| Saturday, October 17th,<br>9:00 am to 1:00 pm and<br><br>Sunday, October 18th,<br>11:00 am to 2:00 pm | Saturday, October 24th,<br>9:00 am to 1:00 pm and<br><br>Sunday, October 25th,<br>11:00 am to 2:00 pm | Mondays – Fridays<br>October 19th–30th,<br>9:00 am – 5:00 pm<br><br>Tuesdays until 8:00 pm |

**ABSENTEE VOTING:** This is the third municipal election in which any qualified voter of the City of Greenbelt may choose to vote by absentee ballot. There is no longer any need to present an excuse for why you will be absent from your polling place on Election Day.

An **ABSENTEE BALLOT** may be requested in one of two ways. Each individual requesting a ballot must submit a separate, signed application form or letter.

- Fill out an application form that you may 1) pick up in the City Clerk's office, 2) request from the City Clerk by phone at 301-474-8000 or by e-mail at [cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov), or 3) print from the City's Web site at <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov>; or
- Write a letter of application to the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, including your full name, domicile address in Greenbelt, signature, and telephone number.

Military service members, their families, and other U.S. citizens abroad who are covered under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act may also use the Federal Post Card Application (<http://www.fvap.gov>) to request an absentee ballot for City election.

Applications to receive absentee ballots must be received by noon on Monday, November 2, 2009. The completed ballot must be received by the City Clerk no later than 6 p.m. the day of the regular election, November 3, 2009. No absentee ballots will be distributed prior to October 14.

Return your executed absentee ballot by 1) sending it through the U.S. mail in time to arrive by November 3, 2) hand-delivering it to the City Clerk's office, or 3) placing it in the locked drop-box at the east door of the Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road.

Questions? Call the City Clerk at 301-474-8000, or send email to [cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov).

# City of Greenbelt's FALL FEST



## FAMILY FUN

- PUMPKIN PATCH
- BINGO for KIDS
- KIDCARE IDs
- ADOPT - A - PET
- MOONBOUNCES & INFLATABLES
- HAYRIDES
- RECYCLING GAMES
- FACE PAINTING
- FIELD GAMES for KIDS
- VARIOUS INFORMATION TABLES

Saturday,  
October 17<sup>th</sup>

2:00pm - 6:00pm

Schrom Hills Park

6915 Hanover Parkway

For More Information: 301-397-2200

## FANTASTIC FOOD

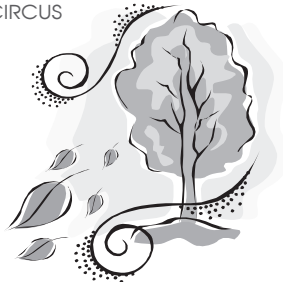
AFFORDABLE PRICES!  
Profits Benefit Community Groups

- HARRIS ORCHARD  
Prize winning apples, cider, apple butter, dumplings and pies
- BURGERS & HOT DOGS
- NACHOS
- SODAS & WATER
- POPCORN, COTTON CANDY, CARAMEL/CANDY APPLES & MORE!

## ENTERTAINMENT

BRING A CHAIR OR BLANKET

- "JUST US" Singing all your favorite tunes.
- ROVING ENTERTAINMENT
- GREG MAY & the MAGICAL MAYHEM CIRCUS



## ANIMAL SHELTER PETS OF THE MONTH



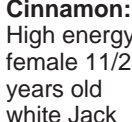
**Chenille:**  
Long haired gray and white female.



**Rocco:** 10 month old male Mastiff mix.



**Kittens:**  
Adorable black male kittens. 11 weeks old.



**Cinnamon:**  
High energy female 11/2 years old white Jack Russell mix.



**Batman:**  
Big sweet and gentle black male cat.

Please drop off donations for shelter at the site. Co-op box does not go to Greenbelt Animal Shelter. Visit pets at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Wednesdays from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm.

For more information on any of these pets, call 301.474.6124.

## 75th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

The celebration of the City's 75th Anniversary will occur in 2012. Applications are being accepted from residents interested in serving on this volunteer planning committee. Applications are available on the City website, [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov), or at the City Office Building, 25 Crescent Road. Council will begin interviewing applicants for this committee in late November.

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serious county and state budget issues that will affect the city. She expressed her desire to preserve programs that bring value to the city. She said Council needs input from the citizens and volunteerism is great but more participation is needed. Contract negotiations are also coming soon, which may affect the city's budget. She cautioned councilmembers that they need to come up with serious ideas of what to cut, not just say that the city's taxes are too high.

The other question posed by Mazursky was what the candidates would do to make the currently underutilized Roosevelt Center the "full Main Street it could be."

Davis noted her past support for purchasing the theater, installing security cameras and increasing police patrols. She stated that there were many issues with the main landlord of the center, who is not doing a good job of maintaining the center. Buying the center, as some people urge, would be extremely expensive, she said, but we cannot let Roosevelt Center die.

Putens indicated agreement with Davis' remarks. Purchasing the theater, he said, is probably about all the city will be able to do. He praised the Greenbelt Farmer's Market, which is bringing people in, which leads to more people discovering the other stores in the center.

Roberts noted that most of the businesses in the center have been there for 30 years or more, which is unusual for small businesses. He told of his support for restoring the center's benches and greenery and the time he put into installing a kitchen in the New Deal Café. While some may complain about the owner, Roberts said rents are lower in the center than in surrounding areas, and that is what keeps the merchants in business.

Ivy called Roosevelt Center the pulse of the city. He also praised the Farmer's Market. While calling the center's primary landlord "a crusty old guy," he said the merchants are "somewhat happy" and the center is thriving. However, in light of the recent stabbing near the center, he called for more cameras to help make people feel safer there after dark.

Jordan said the city needs to look to the future, as was done in the recent visioning sessions. The city needs to picture what it wants and how to make that happen. Council needs to do things to create stability, build the tax base and serve Greenbelt going forward. He would like to follow through on some of the ideas coming out of the visioning sessions.

Herling noted that there are actually four developers at the center with no umbrella organization to coordinate marketing, safety or other issues. The city needs to develop an intelligent transportation program. He would like to see a Circulator service similar to that used during the Labor Day Festival. He called for a public-private partnership to purchase the center.

Audience Questions

The first questioner asked how cutting the public safety budget would make the city safer. All of the candidates disavowed any plans to cut public safety funding. Mach noted that some

savings may occur as senior officers retire and are replaced by younger officers. Davis said that 42 percent of the budget is for public safety and that she has never supported cuts.

Ivy defended council's decision to grant the Fraternal Order of Police collective bargaining rights, which he argued, just brought Greenbelt up to what officers in other jurisdictions were getting. He wants to see foot patrols, saying that a county foot squad has been very successful.

Jordan said the city force does a great job with limited personnel. He called on the city to expand its outreach efforts and get people more informed and get them working with their neighbors.

Herling said Greenbelt has the most officers per citizen in the county, resulting in an average response time of five minutes compared with the 11 minutes county officers take to respond to calls. He called the gang issue key and praised council's recent restoration of the welcome wagon, which he called an important partner to crime watches.

Pope also praised the police department saying whatever the budget issue, council needs to make sure the police get whatever they need and must properly maintain the officers' equipment.

Electoral Reform

The next question was "how did we do?" with regard to electoral reform.

Davis said we will have to wait for the results of this election to tell that. She expressed concern that she is still encountering people who do not know that there is an election campaign underway. Depending upon how the election turns out, the city may be forced to look at other changes, she said.

Roberts said that council cut off the discussion too soon. The city should have had an advisory question on the ballot about the proposed changes. He opposes changing the dates of city elections to coincide with state and national elections.

Mach said the city worked very hard under threat of lawsuit, acting as openly as they felt they could. In her view, the city did its due diligence, but it remains

to be seen if the changes create a more diverse council. The next big issue, she feels, is the issue of citizenship, as many city residents are not eligible to vote.

Ivy said that expansion to seven councilmembers was probably inevitable but like Roberts, he felt the question should have been placed on the ballot for voter approval.

Pope and Ivy both expressed appreciation for the two extra seats. However, Pope said council has done a great job and that everyone had a chance to come out to meetings on the election changes.

Preservation vs. Development

The next question was how the candidates stood regarding preservation of GHI vs. more development such as upscale homes or shopping centers, Davis said that she is in favor of preservation and sustainability. She is open to higher density, transit-oriented development around the Metro station.

Mach said she had worked for GHI in the past. She wants to preserve the cooperative community but noted that as Greenbelters age, they may want a downstairs bathroom. The Greenbelt Assistance in Living program helps people "age in place."

Jordan called for a balanced approach with council working closely with GHI. Just as the city started as a planned community, now a comprehensive plan is needed to help create incentives to encourage businesses to conserve energy and be more sustainable.

Herling said that preservation and development are not mutually exclusive. He said the city must improve its transportation service to move from a city overly dependent upon cars.

Ivy said that while he loves GHI, he does not know if it can be done again as a model for the area around the metro station.

Putens noted that the city does not have zoning authority so it must do what it can to try to influence zoning decisions. Each part of town has its own concerns and its own needs. He noted that Greenbelt East has built paths to connect its various developments.

Roberts called proposed de-

velopment in Greenbelt West the farthest thing from GHI as we will ever see. Services and open space are what people really want. He disagreed with recent discussion in the city's Advisory Planning Board that GHI frame homes should be torn down. These homes, he said, have allowed thousands to take the first step in home ownership.

Pope noted that development will happen whether we like it or not. She would like to see urban planning and the preservation of natural resources to create a livable walkable community.

Signature Issues

The next question was what issue would you advance or accomplish that would not be accomplished if you were not elected?

Herling – a circulator bus

Jordan – want to build a more cohesive community and reach out to businesses to increase the tax base.

Ivy – truly seeking out opinion and voting facts not politics.

Roberts – advocate the things that make Greenbelt a special place.

Pope – advocate for you, for our services and to make the city bigger, better and more united.

Mach – support our schools and make sure that the historic portion of Greenbelt Middle School is established as a community facility providing services to the community.

Putens – improved public safety through more surveillance cameras and a reserve officer program and no change to the city's election date.

Davis – maintain her network of connections built up over the years to benefit Greenbelt, and to continue the visioning process to make sure that Greenbelt remains a special place.

Inclusiveness

The announced final question was what actions the candidates had taken to identify those underrepresented on council and to integrate those perspectives.

Roberts said his father taught him not only to stand up for himself but for those who cannot stand up for themselves. He said he has lived by that principle.

Jordan cited his activism in supporting grass roots initiatives

such as the Greenbelt Neighbors Alliance, getting to know people throughout the city, trying to talk to everyone and be approachable.

Pope said she came to the United States in 1998 and became a citizen in 2006. She lived in different areas of both the United States and Europe. She has the ability to work with people of many different backgrounds, views and beliefs.

Mach cited her work in bringing what became the GAIL program to Greenbelt. She had become familiar with the program through her work with the National Cooperative Business Association and once elected made sure it was adopted as a permanent part of the city's program.


Davis said that she worked to achieve more diversity on city boards and committees and to ensure that all parts of the community are represented. She recalled doing civil rights work from college onward and worked with children during her career as a teacher.

Putens recalled participating in the Civil Rights March on Washington when he was young. He now lives in a part of the community referred to as the little UN due to its diversity. He has lived in every part of Greenbelt and has gotten to know the community.

Ivy cited his eight years of service on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. As a longtime coach of youth sports he fought for seven years to get lights on city ballfields. Eight hundred kids a year now enjoy those lights, he noted.

Herling cited his long experience on city advisory boards and council and his efforts, with Davis, to make the city advisory board more diverse. He also has worked to improve transportation, saying that lack of transportation can keep people from participating. He recalled his work with the Arts Center and the 1979 election battle over the Gladys Spellman Overpass connecting the Greenbriar Community to Greenbelt Center. He invited people from both sides of the bridge to participate in the Greenbelt Arts

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## Re-elect Judith F. 'J' Davis

*Always* "COMMITTED TO COMMUNITY"

- J makes time for numerous visits to all Greenbelt schools, meeting with children, teachers and parents.
- J found the means to fund expanded service for the Greenbelt Connection in the FY 2010 budget.
- J suggested the Greenbelt property tax credit that piggybacks on the State's program, thus lessening the impact of property taxes for qualified applicants.
- J helped a group of apartment residents obtain City assistance to prevent an unjust mass eviction.
- J ensured that information concerning the State Hotline on Foreclosures was placed on our City website.
- J proposed that the City commemorate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., which led to CRAB's idea for a Community Service Day.
- J brought the idea to hold a Naturalization Ceremony in Greenbelt.
- J promoted a citywide visioning process as a vehicle for input of citizens' ideas concerning goals for Greenbelt's future.

Questions? Concerns? Contact J at Citizens4J@aol.com.

By Authority: Debbie Cooley, Treasurer



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Center.

**Green Development**

By his own plea and popular demand, Joe Murray got to ask the real final question. He asked who, as a councilmember, would vote against development around the Metro station and seek other alternatives to preserve the land?

Herling said he would vote for development that supports Greenbelt principles: that is walkable and sustainable with appropriate stormwater management. He said he was looking for a comprehensive, holistic Greenbelt-oriented approach.

Jordan stated that the property is not city land. The APB has struggled to find the best approach. Without direct zoning control, the city has to try to assert as much influence as it can. The land around a metro station, he said, should have some density. I think we can move forward, he said, and make changes without sacrificing the commitment to open space that Greenbelt is known for.

Ivy wished he could plant trees on it and let it go but that's not going to happen. Best footprint is to start a cooperative, to have true ownership in the community. We have to fight for every tree we can get over there, he said.

Roberts described himself as having fought against most development in the area. He voted against the proposed development as there is no greenspace in the plan. He said council appears to be moving toward letting the developers out of the agreements previously made for police protection and other issues. The current proposals, he said are looking for 2,000 residences and 1.5 acres of open space. That's not acceptable, he said.

Pope praised council for having done a great job. Keeping the land as a park is not realistic. Council should work to ensure that the developers are held to the highest quality standards once the building starts.

Mach said the property was a prime location for smart growth. People have to live somewhere and land near a metro station is a logical place. Council has been working very hard to preserve greenspace and walkable features in this development. She said no one on council wants to give away what they worked hard to negotiate.

Putens reminded those present that the city does not have planning and zoning authority and has not given anything away. Like Mach before him and Davis after, he disputed Roberts' interpretation of the council discussion.

Davis said that Roberts is misrepresenting the positions of the other councilmembers and that they told him that at the meeting. One of the reasons she travels to other cities, she said, is to see what others are doing and to bring new ideas back to Greenbelt.

# New Deal Café's Upcoming Events

Every Thursday including October 15 Amy C. Kraft and the Mid-Day Melodies get the New Deal Café music offerings off to an early start from noon to 2 p.m. Evening brings the Greg Meyer Jazz Quartet serenading a reception for an art show by Hyattsville artists, a stop on the Greenbelt Art Walk 2009.

## This Weekend

Piano Man John Guernsey plays jazz and blues 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Friday, October 16 and every Friday and Saturday. That is prelude to the return of jazz legend Buck Hill to his hometown Café, playing saxophone and clarinet, until 11 p.m. He will be joined by Michael Arenstein on piano, Seth Arenstein on trumpet, Mike Grasso on trumpet, Darrell Dunning on drums and Magic Ray on bass.

The T.V. John Show brings musical comedy while showcasing "the nice trys" and "The Phoenix Twin," from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 17. Bruce Kritt, the classical guitar wonderboy, mellows the mood from 4 to 6 p.m. Then the U-Liners rock until 11 p.m.

The Mike Grasso Jazz Trio performs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, October 18, followed by a Kids' Open Microphone session until 3 p.m. Both events repeat the third Sunday of each month. "Jack Couldn't Make It" will play from 5 to 8 p.m. (The American/Country Jack Gang usually plays on the second Sunday monthly.)

On Tuesday, October 20 from 7 to 9 p.m., songwriter Tori Heller will sing folk songs while playing acoustics guitar.

Long-time swinging Irish piano man of the D.C. Area Dennis Botzer will play from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21.

There will be an open microphone session hosted by the Songwriters Association of Washington from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, October 22 (fourth Thursday of each month).

## Next Weekend

Whoop and dance to old-time acoustic blues, complete with washtub bass and jug, with Snakehead Run from 8 to 11 p.m., Friday, October 23.

Saturday, October 24 will feature Djesben from 8 to 11 p.m.. Not a typical jazz trio, they play a variety of instruments including conga drum, dulcimer and a 10-string tapping instrument with the range of a piano.

Jim Stimson brings back the 1500s with his replica lute playing from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, October 25 (first and fourth Sundays monthly). Ze-kiah Swampcats will finish the day with bluegrass from 5 to 8 p.m.

All events are free. For more information call Chef Karim Kmaiha at 301-474-5642 or visit [newdealcafe.com](http://newdealcafe.com).

# Nature Programs At Patuxent Refuge

Patuxent Research Refuge public programs are free and held at two sites, the North Tract and the National Wildlife Visitor Center. All programs are free, although donations to the Friends of Patuxent are appreciated. Advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887; special needs can be accommodated with advance notice.

For more information visit the website at [www.patuxent.fws.gov](http://www.patuxent.fws.gov).

## North Tract

The North Tract, located on Route 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 32, is holding the following program:

Fall Flowers – Sunday, October 25 from 1 to 3 p.m., for all ages.

Join a guided walk searching for wildflowers. Discover how fall affects these seemingly delicate plants. Field guide, water and hat are recommended.

Signs of Fall Nature Hike – Sunday, October 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., for all ages.

Explore the refuge for signs of fall on this leisurely guided hike.

## Visitor Center

The National Wildlife Visitor Center is located on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 197.

Bird Walks: Saturday, Oct. 17 from 8 to 10 a.m. for ages 12+. Wednesday, Oct. 28 from 8 to 10 a.m. for ages 12+.

Look and listen for fall migrants on this leisurely guided walk. Field guides and binoculars are recommended.

Creepy Critter Chats: Saturday, October 31 from 1 to 3 p.m., for all ages.

Slithery, slimy, furry or webby – join in to discover why those "creepy" critters are actually COOL critters.

Nature Tots: Hello Hibernation! – Tuesday, October 27 from 10 to 11 a.m. and 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., for ages 3 to 4. Discover what it means to hibernate through songs, stories and crafts.



# Greenbelt Families Go MAD For Orphan Annie at Goddard

by Anne Gardner and Michael Hartman

The 75th anniversary of the New Deal is an appropriate time for NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center's Music and Drama Club (MAD) to put on the musical "Annie." Several Greenbelt families are involved with the dinner-theater production, which runs from October 23 to November 21 on the Goddard campus.

The musical, based on the popular comic strip "Little Orphan Annie," ran for six years on Broadway and there are also two movie versions of the show. The stage version includes not only the popular song "Tomorrow" but also several other songs that are not in the movie versions.

The story follows the life of engaging 11-year-old Annie, as she and her fellow orphans cope with their "Hard-Knock Life" with Miss Hannigan in the orphanage. Annie sets out in search of her parents and ends up spending Christmas in Daddy Warbucks' palatial home. She runs into the people made homeless by the Great Depression in "Hooverville" and also meets FDR and his cabinet, who are inspired by Annie's optimism as they try to come up with a way out of the Depression.

MAD's production of "Annie" includes Goddard employees, along with their families and friends, many of whom live in Greenbelt. Jon Gardner plays the policeman, Lt. Ward, and Morgenthau, a member of President Roosevelt's Cabinet. Jon's daughter, Elizabeth, a 4th-grader at Greenbelt Elementary, plays the orphan Kate. His son David, along with Scott Candey, both

6th graders at Greenbelt Elementary, are members of the lighting crew. Mairead Alexander, a Greenbelt resident who attends Thomas Pullen Performing Arts magnet school, is the orphan Pepper. Dorothy and Edward Jahoda, Greenbelt Elementary third graders, are in the ensemble playing residents of Hooverville. Eleanor Roosevelt High School student Caitlin Cummings is part of the stage crew.

Ginny Zanner plays an apple seller and her son Tommy is lead for lighting design. Wendy Magill plays one of the "lovely Boylan sisters." Michael Hartman plays six and a half roles, ranging from President Franklin Delano Roosevelt to a ventriloquist and his dummy (that's the half). Michael is also the co-lead for publicity. Greenbelter Courtney Ritz is the president of MAD and her husband Scott is technical coordinator.

The show will be performed Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons at Goddard's Barney and Bea Recreation Center at the corner of Soil Conservation and Good Luck Roads. There will also be a special Halloween matinee with costume contests and goodie bags for the children in the audience. Tickets must be bought in advance and include dinner and drinks.

For more information and ticket sales go to [www.madtheater.org](http://www.madtheater.org) or see the ad on page 3. The show is double cast, with each actor playing in seven of the 14 performances, so check the schedule on the web page to see when favorite actors are performing.

# BARC Funds Approved, Next to President

The Senate passed the Agricultural Appropriations Conference Report with more than \$6.4 million dollars for Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC). The Conference Report has passed the House and will now go to the President for signature.

The measure includes \$3 million for building and maintenance improvements – there are more than 500 structures located on the 7,000-acre campus – and \$2.8 million for high-priority research projects, including biomedical materials in plants, poultry disease and potato disease.

It also included \$654,000 in funding for the National Center for Agricultural Law.

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- Continue to ensure public safety.
- Carefully monitor development so it is good for Greenbelt.
- Renovate the movie theater to enhance Roosevelt Center.
- Work to bring all areas of the city into one community.
- Open a new Greenbelt Middle School and use the historic portion of the existing school to provide a "community school" with social services.
- Work with citizens to improve access to public transportation as well as improvements that encourage bicycle use and pedestrian access.
- Begin cleaning Greenbelt Lake by addressing one of the sources of the problem with the Hillside/Greenhill stream restoration project.
- Respond to budget challenges by carefully evaluating services and using partnerships and grants to expand our resources while reducing the impact on those in need.

***Building on the Spirit of Greenbelt ... and Expanding the Possibilities***

Questions/Comments? Call me at 301-345-8105 or e-mail [leta.council@verizon.net](mailto:leta.council@verizon.net)  
**Visit my web site, <http://web.me.com/letamach> to learn more about me.**

By authority of Alla Lake, Treasurer

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install poles. I believe Ora Glen at the intersection of Hanover Parkway would be good as it is by the post office; also Breeze-wood at Cherrywood where there is a four-way stop. We also need to implement the new resident welcome package.

During our review of voter turnout, we learned that a substantial number of our residents are not citizens. That is why I believe we should participate in the National League of Cities Citizenship project. This project involved focus groups of immigrants to identify the many benefits of naturalization including voting rights and more. A toolkit with ads, posters and other resources is being developed that we could use for a naturalization campaign.

At this time, I have decided against changing the election year based on the insightful comments from Greenbelters.

Konrad Herling

Increasing voter turnout is key to strengthening our sense of community. While other communities in our area have a lower percentage of registered citizens voting it is no reason for us to rest. The percentage of eligible voters who have turned out in the last decade or so has decreased here in Greenbelt. This is a trend which must be reversed. I believe that the steps council has adopted will help us achieve the goal of increasing voter turnout.

I applaud the efforts taken by the Greenbelt Neighbors Alliance and others to register voters. The educational efforts to increase awareness in our City’s newsletter, and the City’s web page have been worthwhile. Increasing the number of Council members from five to seven members increased the number and diversity of non incumbent candidates to run for Council, all to the good of the community. Increasing the size of Council also will enable the City to connect even more effectively with various levels of government, vital in securing grants, coordinating transportation, and improving key areas of city life.

These efforts must continue beyond November 3. It is increasingly clear to me that one additional element to this effort is required: the effort to welcome new neighbors has taken on a more important role. This idea was offered by citizens in last year’s visioning process and adopted by Council.

I propose that apartment building by apartment building, condo by condo, court by court, block by block, that current residents reach out to each new resident so they are made aware of the fabulous opportunities which Greenbelt provides and that an important part of life in Greenbelt is stepping up to the plate, volunteering in activities, and voting.

Silke Pope

I support the changes made by the current City Council to add two additional seats to the Council. This change has encouraged me to run and has encouraged others, as well. As our community grows, so must our City Council in order to accommodate the increased needs of our City.

I know first hand that our community has worked hard to make newcomers and all residents feel welcome and included, whatever their background. I’m

walking proof that Greenbelt is inclusive, since I was raised in a different country speaking a different language. To local ears, it will come as no surprise to hear that Greenbelters have always made me feel welcome. In many countries and some communities, being an immigrant candidate would be impossible.

I know from working daily at Greenbelt Middle School and Magnolia Elementary that our wonderful community includes a wide variety of people and backgrounds. It’s this wonderful melting pot that makes us great.

In particular, I’m pleased to see a genuine diversity of candidates, in their views and their values, their experiences. Our community can be proud of that.

I think Greenbelt is fortunate to have candidates such as our incumbents and challengers. No one who really knows Greenbelt can doubt our commitment to fairness in elections.

When the election is over this year, I expect our voter turnout – normally much higher than nearby communities – will be even higher, as it ought to be. At this point, I don’t anticipate the need for further reforms, and I have serious reservations about ideas like districts or changing our elections to even numbered years. We cannot allow partisan county and national races to drown out non-partisan local discussion of local needs.

Che Sayles

Yes. I support the changes in election procedures enacted by the city council to achieve greater voter participation and diversity of candidates. One of the strengths of our community is our diversity and we should celebrate that diversity by having a diverse city council. However, just changing the election procedures will not by themselves encourage more people to vote. People need a reason to think that their vote really matters. People need to be involved in the process before the day of the election. People have to know that the candidates care about who they are and what challenges they face the other 364 days of the year. The election process must include both relevance and inclusion. Some people need help getting to the polls or educated about early voting and absentee voting. We need to harness the enthusiasm, energy, and emotions of young voters and those voting for the first time. We must go to where the voters live every day of their lives and not expect them to come to us even if it is only across the street or in the next building. We must be able to show renters that they have just as much a stake in elections as homeowners though the approaches and the issues may be different in some, but not all cases. Communication and conversation during the year will help people understand the purpose of having a city council in the first place. Then people will care more about who is sitting in those chairs.

Rodney Roberts

I believe there needs to be a lot more public discussion, education, and debate about our election system before any substantial changes are made. We should be using this election to allow Greenbelt Voters to express their

opinions on all of the different voting methods.

Kelly Ivy

I support the change from five to seven members. That is what is best for Greenbelt, now. A five member council was based on a much smaller Greenbelt. With our growth to encompass East and West, more representation was needed. Now, the fact that Council did it because of outside pressure and did not do it for the good of Greenbelt as a whole, is bothersome.

Our Greenbelt opens her arms to all who come. Any one is and always has been able, and encouraged, to run for a position on City Council, or get involved in all aspects of our town and government. I do not believe nor do I support any additional changes, especially when it comes to changing the date of the election. If an outside influence pushes us to the point of making additional changes, then the voters should make those changes as a ballot question, not the council.

Emmett Jordan

I support the election procedure changes the council enacted to increase participation and to encourage a more diverse group of Council candidates.

Increasing council from five to seven members also makes sense, based on the size of Greenbelt’s population. A big part of Council’s job is maintaining working relationships with our neighbors, the county, state, and other organizations. There is more than enough work for 7 part-time council members to divide. A larger council will provide better service and representation for Greenbelters.

I am supportive of the convenience of early voting and I hope this increases the number of people who vote.

I am opposed to moving city elections to the same years as Presidential, State/County elections. We need space and time to talk about local issues, and

these issues should never be overshadowed by regional and national politics.

I do not support electing council by voting districts. Issues before the city do not usually follow geographical lines. We need to focus on involving more Greenbelters in our civic affairs. I am running for council because I believe I can do a good job of representing Greenbelters from all parts of the City.

Our larger challenge is how to improve civic participation. As an African-American, I think that the perception of openness and inclusiveness is important. There is a rich ethnic and cultural diversity that is well established in parts of Greenbelt. Together we share a common future. Having a more diverse City Council will reinforce the fact that Council represents of all Greenbelters and will suggest the possibilities of increased civic participation.

The process we have gone through to make changes to our elections has been somewhat uncomfortable. However, I think we are a better city for facing difficult questions surrounding civic participation, race, and City Council representation.

Edward Putens

First, do I support expanding the Council from five members to seven? YES

The City’s at-large election system came under scrutiny by the Justice Department because the ACLU and NAACP suggested that the lack of minorities on council even though we have a large minority population shows that the election system has discriminatory effects (not necessarily intent). This issue is complicated, perhaps unfair, but cannot be ignored because we don’t like it. Adding two seats gives minority citizens a better chance to get elected, and is a good idea anyway because the workload on five people has become too heavy as the Greenbelt population has expanded. This

change was supported by all five council members after extensive hearings.

Council also adopted smaller measures to encourage a higher turnout, including the opportunity for early voting, and expanded voter outreach efforts. The message is: Please vote!

Second, do I support changing City’s elections from odd years to even years, to coincide with state and federal elections, which have higher voter turnout? NO

This issue divided the Council. It first passed by 3-2; I was one of two Council members opposed. The majority then changed their mind in the face of determined citizen opposition and dropped the idea, for now. It’s deferred, not dead. Changing the date would mean higher turnout, but would bring outsiders and outside money into Greenbelt politics, and bring partisan politics into our non-partisan elections. This is a well-meaning but terrible proposal and has my undying opposition.

The test of Council’s decisions will be the election results. The new rules don’t force voters to vote for any particular candidate. I think changing the Council size will accomplish our purpose without further election changes. I am putting my faith where it has always been rewarded, with the voters of Greenbelt.

Judith Davis

Yes, I fully support the increased outreach and voter education by the City, the creation of Precinct 21-18, and the addition of Early Voting in order to improve voter turnout. After hearing from some citizens that expanding the Council from five to seven members could bring greater voter interest and number of candidates, I supported including that concept as well. I believe all of these changes, along with numerous public hearings Council held on this issue,

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Emmett V. Jordan

for Greenbelt City Council

With your support, I will work on Council to make progressive choices for our city. Here are some of my priorities:

- Preserve the character of our neighborhoods. Make sure any new development enhances that character. Protect and expand our open space and natural resources.
- Work with commercial Greenbelt as partners and friends. Build our tax base to sustain our quality of life. Promote our city as a great place to locate for “green businesses”.
- Improve connectivity within the city: make it safer to walk, bike. Find ways to make it convenient to leave our cars and “get around” in Greenbelt with public transit.
- Face difficult budget choices with creativity. Seek out new funding sources. Explore partnerships with our neighbors and the county to hold taxes down and maintain our vital services.

Please consider casting one of your votes for me.

Emmett


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Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for October 19 to 23 include:

Monday – Creamy celery soup, macaroni and beef casserole, peas and carrots, corn, fresh apple.

Tuesday – Grape juice, baked pork chops with gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet peas, stewed apples.

Wednesday – Cranberry juice, chicken lasagna, green beans, garden salad, cherry crisp.

Thursday – Creamy broccoli soup, chicken salad on croissant, field green salad, potato salad, pasta salad, special banana pudding (premium meal).

Friday – Cranapple juice, turkey-ham with pineapple sauce, macaroni and cheese, California blend vegetables, canned peaches.

Harrison’s Jug Band At Farmers Market

Sunday, October 18 Slim Harrison’s Jug Band will give free performances every hour from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Greenbelt Farmers Market in the Roosevelt Center parking lot.

Veteran entertainer Slim Harrison performs for the whole family. Kids can join in his jug band, dance and sing along while Slim provides accompaniment on a variety of instruments including his one-of-a-kind “kazooa-fone” which has three harmonicas, two kazoos, dual airhorns and a siren whistle.

For more than 25 years Harrison has performed at schools, festivals, hoedowns and throw-downs all over North America and around the world. He is a master artist with the Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning through the Arts and a full-time artist-in-residence with the Maryland State Arts Council Artists in Education Touring Artists Program.

The Greenbelt Farmers Market offers a wide selection of fresh vegetables, fruits, cider, eggs, goat cheeses, seafood, humanely raised meats, bread, ice cream and other mouth-watering foods from more than a dozen local vendors.

For more information on Slim Harrison visit [www.sunnyland-music.com](http://www.sunnyland-music.com). For more information on the Farmers Market visit [www.greenbeltfarmersmarket.org](http://www.greenbeltfarmersmarket.org) or email [info@greenbeltfarmersmarket.org](mailto:info@greenbeltfarmersmarket.org).

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focused attention on this year’s city election. Many community groups have joined in to provide information and to encourage voter registration and turnout at the polls. There will be more candidate forums this year in all areas of the City. I encouraged a civic organization to hold its forum in Greenbelt West. In addition, I have presented voter and election information at many community meetings.

Some believe Council should have delayed its decisions and put the proposals on the ballot. But the situation required that immediate changes be made. It was Council’s responsibility to do so.

As for other changes to our election process, that will be determined by the outcome of the 2009 election. If the goals of increased voter turnout and a more diverse Council are not achieved, the new Council and our citizens will have to tackle the issue of whether further changes are warranted or required. It is imperative that all our candidates, civic groups and citizens encourage everyone to come out and vote either on November 3rd or by taking advantage of Early Voting or Absentee Ballot. The citizens of Greenbelt must retain control over how their elections are run.

Next Week’s Final Question Four

With property values down and state and federal shared revenue cut or eliminated, the city can expect less growth in revenue than in the past or even significant loss of revenue. If so, what specific changes to the budget will you seek if the choice becomes one of either increasing taxes and fees or cutting programs and services?

Kelly’s Got My Vote

I have known Kelly Ivy for a few years now since he started attending girls’ softball games and helping with batting instruction. That’s how Kelly is – he helps where he sees a need.

He is honest and direct to a fault and will often confront others where he senses insincerity or untruths.

Like me, a key word for Kelly is FAIR and he likes to level the playing field. He has done much for the city because he will relentlessly pursue action where it is needed.

He is a person who will fight for what he believes in and has a good vision for Greenbelt at its best. He’s got my vote.

Rick Ransom

KellyIvy.com

by authority candidate

Join the jug band this Sunday when Slim Harrison performs FREE at the Greenbelt Farmers’ Market!

Bring the kids for singing, dancing, and fun with unusual instruments! Free performances every hour between 10am and 1pm on October 18, in the Roosevelt Center parking lot.

Of course, while you’re there, be sure to enjoy fruits, vegetables, eggs, goat cheeses, seafood, humanely raised meats, breads, ice creams and other mouth-watering foods from more than a dozen local vendors!

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During my years on the Council, I have taken a special interest in public safety. I have successfully proposed expanding the Police Department, surveillance cameras, and other initiatives to reduce crime. Our nationally accredited police department is among the best. Yet we still have serious crime problems, especially violent crime in Empirian Village (formerly Springhill Lake).

MY PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT COUNCIL TERM

■ Place surveillance cameras at higher-crime locations in Empirian Village and other City locations to deter and detect crimes

■ Develop a comprehensive crime prevention plan for Empirian Village, with participation by the management and residents

■ Increase police & legislative measures to counter the increased gang activity

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Authority: John Winfrey, Treasurer

# GFCU's Community Shredding Day Helps Greenbelters Purge

by Kyle M. Jones

Roosevelt Center was busy Saturday morning with people carrying bags, boxes and crates. But Greenbelt residents were not dropping off charitable donations; they were dumping pay stubs from the 1980s and lots more.

Greenbelt Federal Credit Union sponsored the fall Shredding Day, an opportunity for people to properly dispose of important personal

documents, such as bills, invoices and credit card offers.

"Our main concern is protecting residents and community members from identity theft," said Cindy Comproni, manager of Greenbelt Federal Credit Union. "Residents often put junk mail and important documents in recycling and that's not where it should go."

The Identity Theft Assumption and Deterrence Act, signed October 30, 1998, makes it a

Federal crime to fraudulently use personal identification information. Almost a decade later, a 2007 report by the President's Identity Theft Taskforce estimates the annual cost of identity crimes in the United States is in the billions of dollars.

"We need it more often," said Pat McCoy of the event. "This is definitely helpful to combat identity theft. It needs to be fought any way possible."

Shredding Day began October 2005 and is offered in spring and fall. Steve Rose, president of Torn2Shredz, provided on-site document shredding for the third year using his truck with a built-in shredder and monitor.

Paper dropped off for shredding was loaded into large gray bins, lifted and dumped into the truck. Internal shredders destroyed the material, which could be seen on a video monitor on the side of the truck.

"I missed it," said Caroline Nevins of the monitor, just after her documents were destroyed. "I really like that you can see your documents being shredded." She was a little hesitant about handing over her personal information before arriving.

Throughout the morning, a steady flow of people continued bringing paper for shredding. Barbara Hardisty let go of not only credit card offers and junk mail but also over 20 years of bank statements.

"It makes me get rid of a lot of trash," said Hardisty. "I finally decided to let go."

Comproni notes people are asked to keep their donations to a maximum of five boxes but after trunk loads of large storage bins and grocery bags, the Torn2Shredz truck was three-fourths full by the end of the morning. Once the truck is full,

Rose takes the five-ton load out for recycling.

"We always wanted to do something for the community", said Comproni, and we're glad we can provide this service."

Shredding Day is Greenbelt Federal Credit Union's contribution to National Co-op Month and International Credit Union Week.



Greenbelters' important personal papers are shredded during the semi-annual Shredding Day sponsored by the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union.

## EARLY VOTING WEEKDAYS

Monday through Friday

Oct. 19-30,  
9am to 5pm

(Tuesdays to 8pm)

Greenbelt Municipal Bldg.  
25 Crescent Rd.

## TUES., OCTOBER 27, 2009

### ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP

BUS LVS 7:15 A.M. FROM POST & RETURNS 10 P.M. TO GREENBELT AM. LEG. POST 6900 LEGION DR. COST \$50.00 (IF PAID 10 DAYS IN ADVANCE AT POST 136, \$45) MOVIE & REFRESHMENTS ON BOARD DURING TRIP.

INFO: JIM HARBAUGH - 240-765-8240

### Pleasant Touch Day Spa And Wellness Center

133 Centerway, Greenbelt MD  
(301) 345-1849

Meeting of the Minds

Oct 17, 2009 2:00 p.m. Yoga Room

Openly discussing ideas to jointly use space available at Pleasant Touch Day Spa and Wellness Center:

Have you an entrepreneurial or co-op idea that would fit as a venture with us? Perhaps you have a skill that you would like to develop into a second income revenue? Do you have a home based business that needs a place to meet a new client? Or a public space for a group meeting?

Our space includes: Conference room, large yoga studio, four individual treatment rooms, and a spacious lobby with a receptionist.

The economy has put us in a position to entertain new possibilities. Come see our space and share your thoughts!

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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### Robberies

October 4, 11:20 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A person was approached and assaulted by two men who afterward fled with the victim's car. The first suspect is described as a black male with black hair and brown eyes, wearing a white T-shirt and jeans. The second suspect was described only as being an Hispanic male wearing a red T-shirt.

October 7, 8:55 a.m., Breezewood Drive at Springhill Lane. Two people were approached by two males who demanded money, took it from both of them and then fled on foot. Both robbers are described as Hispanic males with the first one 17-20 years old, 5'7", with black hair, wearing a dark blue vest and black pants and the second one 21 years old, 5'10", with black hair, wearing a black sweater.

October 7, 5:17 p.m., 7800 block Mandan Road. A person was assaulted by three men who went through the person's pockets. When they found that the person had no property to take they fled on foot. The three robbers are described as black males, 15-18 years old, with black hair and brown eyes. One was wearing a dark jacket.

### Burglaries

October 4, 12:59 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A computer and game systems were taken.

October 4, 5:02 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road. A purse and keys were taken.

October 6, 1:52 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane. A vacant unit was broken into; nothing was taken.

October 6, 2:23 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. Two 21-year-old-males, each with no

fixed address, were arrested and charged with 3rd degree burglary after breaking into a vacant apartment. Both men were released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

### DWI

October 3, 8:47 a.m., 100 block Greenhill Road. A 23-year-old resident male was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol and driving violations after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

### Vandalism

October 5, 9:34 a.m., Crescent Road at Hillside Road. Graffiti was found in the tunnel, some of which was racist in nature. A reward of \$1,000 is being offered for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible in this case and \$1,000 for the previous still open incident the weekend of August 29. Anyone with information is asked to call the criminal investigations unit at 240-542-2133.

October 5, 8:47 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road. A rock was thrown through a window.

October 6, 11:49 a.m., 6 court Hillside Road. A window screen was damaged.

October 6, 4:38 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court. A sliding glass door was broken.

October 7, 11:20 a.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway. Graffiti was found on a wall.

October 7, 12:01 p.m., 6000 block Cherrywood Court. A rock was thrown through a window.

### Disorderly Conduct

October 2, 6:44 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. A 31-year-old resident male was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. He was released on a citation pending trial.

### Greenbelt West Motorist Shot

On October 12 at approximately 8:07 p.m. the Greenbelt Police Department was notified that a person had been shot and responded to the 9200 block of Edmonston Road, where they found a 32-year-old man suffering from a gunshot wound. He was transported to Prince George's Medical Center with a non-life-threatening wound. The victim was in a vehicle at the time of the incident and was shot in an apparent robbery attempt.

Police are seeking a suspect described only as a black male in his 20s wearing a black hoodie-type jacket. Investigation is continuing.

October 6, 5:47 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A resident juvenile was petitioned for disorderly conduct and failure to obey a lawful order. The child was released to a parent pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

### Vehicle Crimes

One automobile was reported stolen from the 9100 block Edmonston Road, a gold 2002 GMC Yukon.

There were five reported thefts from autos: 8000 block Mandan Road, two incidents (iPod, GPS), 8100 block Mandan Terrace (two MD tags), 6200 block Springhill Court (speakers and amplifiers), 6200 block Springhill Court (tires).

One act of vandalism occurred in the 6200 block Breezewood Drive (tires slashed).

Two stolen vehicles were recovered with no arrests made.

## Auto Fire on Lakeside



PHOTOS BY JIM DAVIS

Firefighters from the Greenbelt Fire Department extinguished a car fire early Saturday morning, October 10 near 49 Lakeside Drive. No one was injured. The cause of the fire is unknown.

## Kitchen Fire at Jasper's



Prince George's County fire investigators determined that a grease fryer malfunction caused the early morning fire on Tuesday, October 6 at Jasper's Restaurant in Greenway Center. Firefighters from Greenbelt, Branchville and nearby companies were called to the restaurant shortly after 5 a.m. for an activated sprinkler alarm. Arriving firefighters saw fire coming from the kitchen's ventilation system and summoned reinforcements. There were no injuries but there was an estimated \$50,000 in damages. The fire was brought under control in 40 minutes.

*The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522.*

### Piscataway Indian Lore History Day

On Saturday, October 17 from 10 a.m. to noon there will be a special hands-on history day at Montpelier Mansion on the legends and lore of the Piscataway Indians.

Members of the Cedarville band of the Piscataway Indians dressed in traditional regalia will be at Montpelier to demonstrate and teach native dances, tell stories, lead nature walks and teach crafts using natural materials.

There is a fee and reservations are recommended. For more information call 301-377-7817, TTY 301-699-2544, [www.pgpark.com](http://www.pgpark.com).

Montpelier Mansion is at 9650 Muirkirk Road (Muirkirk Road at Route 197) in Laurel.



### Owens Science Center Laser Shows Oct. 23

On Friday, October 23 there will be three laser shows at the Howard B. Owens Science Center in Lanham. An early Halloween thriller, Fright Light, will be shown starting at 7 p.m., followed by Laser Metallica at 8:15 p.m. and the Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon at 9:30 p.m. Call during school hours to confirm topics will be shown as listed.

There is a fee. (Regular planetarium passes are not valid for laser show performances.) For more information call 301-918-8750 during school hours or visit [www1.pgcps.org/howardbowens/](http://www1.pgcps.org/howardbowens/).

The Howard B. Owens Science Center, a Prince George's County Public Schools facility, is at 9601 Greenbelt Road in Lanham. Parking is in the adjacent lot at Catherine T. Reed Elementary School.

### Young Readers Literature Contest

Calling all kids (and teachers and parents): Young readers, grades 4 to 12, are invited to express their admiration for a favorite author and showcase their reading and writing talents by participating in Letters about Literature. This national contest encourages students to write a personal letter to an author, current or past, that explores how the author's work changed their thinking about the world and their place in it. Contest guidelines are available at [www.mdhc.org/programs/maryland-center-for-the-book/letters-about-literature](http://www.mdhc.org/programs/maryland-center-for-the-book/letters-about-literature). Free teaching materials, including blackline masters and assessment checklists at [www.lettersaboutliterature.org](http://www.lettersaboutliterature.org).

The submission deadline is December 12. State winners will be notified in March and be honored at the City Lit Festival in Baltimore on April 17, 2010.



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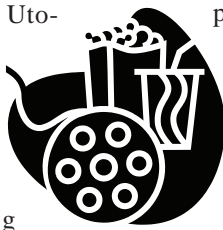
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## Film Festival to Show Animated Shorts Monday

The 5th annual Utopia Film Festival begins its 2009 program on Monday afternoon and evening, October 19 with a free program featuring animated shorts at the Greenbelt Branch Library lower level. This program is suitable for all ages. It includes recent works by students, ages 10 to 15, in the GAVA/GATE Animation Program classes.

The program also screens the pioneering work of the Canadian animator Norman McLaren (1914-1987). Born in Scotland, McLaren created experimental "camera-less" animation for the National Film Board of Canada; his work won numerous awards, including an Oscar. The three works to be shown include "Boogie Doodle" (1940), for which McLaren drew with pen and ink directly on film. He then developed the prints and hand-colored them.

In "Begone Dull Care" (1949), he painted, scratched and engraved on film, exploring the use of color. This short will remind viewers of contemporary abstract painting of the era. For "Le Merle" (1958), McLaren did single-frame animation with white



paper cutouts and a background using pastel. The title translates as "The Blackbird," a traditional French Canadian folk song for children that forms the subject of the short.

There will be two screenings on October 19: From 4 to 4:30 p.m. the student works will be shown and from 4:45 to 5:15 p.m. Norman McLaren's animation will be presented. The program repeats at 6 to 6:30 and 6:45 to 7:15 p.m. respectively.

This presentation is a production for the Utopia Film Festival by the GAVA/GATE Animation Program, which is produced by two community nonprofit organizations, GAVA (Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts) and GATE (Greenbelt Access Television), working out of GATE's studios in the Greenbelt Community Center. The presentation is being done in cooperation with the Prince George's County Memorial Library System and was made possible by support from Prince George's County, the Prince George's County Community Foundation and the City of Greenbelt. For information about GAVA/GATE animation classes email Barbara Simon at simongava@yahoo.

## Senior Advisory Committee Discusses Issues

by Tami Le

During its Sept. 29 monthly meeting, the members of the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee (SCAC), discussed concerns that were raised at the annual senior citizen's open forum. The 2009 Open Forum was held on September 12 with 39 attendees and included representatives from different community groups and city departments. Brenda Cooley, a member of the committee said, "This was the first forum meeting I went to and I thought it was great. Many people had interesting things to say about different parts of the city."

In the past the committee has been able to successfully bring about change in the community by discussing issues during monthly meetings that are of concern and interest to seniors living in Greenbelt. From these meetings they have made recommendations to city council which have led to things like the GAIL Program, GIVES, bright yellow crosswalks at St. Hugh's and "Pedestrian, Slow" signs. Issues concerning speeding, landscaping and bus transportation that were discussed at the September 29 meeting will be brought up to council and perhaps bring about more improvements in the city.

### Speed, Pedestrian Safety

This SCAC meeting focused primarily on issues of transportation and public safety, with speed being of top concern. Public buses filled with kids

have been noted to be racing up Lastner Lane. "They go up and down the street like crazy," said Cooley, "it could be really dangerous." Other places that can pose danger for pedestrians are Ridge Road, where children are present and cars are not stopping and the crossing at Eleanor Roosevelt.

Members of SCAC believe individuals need to make a conscious effort to work toward improving safety issues on the road. "Pedestrians are putting themselves in danger by not looking when they cross the street," said Bunny Fitzgerald, a member of SCAC who had volunteered to take notes at the forum. Students also put themselves in danger when they are talking on their cell phones or texting while crossing the streets.

There have been many complaints about certain spots in the city. The committee agreed that individuals need to address issues through public attention. One way individuals can help is by calling the police department when they notice a place where people are speeding all the time. The police department will then send a police officer out to monitor that spot. If a bus is speeding, individuals can call Terri Hruby, the assistant planning director at the Greenbelt Community Center (240-542-2041).

### Landscaping

Although public works does a beautiful job in the city with

the trees, issues with landscaping can pose safety concerns for pedestrians and drivers. The committee discussed about tree branches that overhang signs, preventing drivers from seeing while they are driving. Bradford pear trees on Lastner Lane, an issue that was brought up at the forum, are overhanging. But one of the positive things that was discussed at the annual forum was that public works does a great job with snow removal.

### Bus Transportation

On September 22 Reggie Ward, a Metro representative, came to train seniors on how to purchase and use Smart Trip cards. The group was able to successfully travel by bus to D.C. and back. Phyllis Budin, a member of SCAC, thinks people should ride the bus more. Riding public transportation can save money and gas and if more people ride buses, some of the routes here will be saved. Metro has been considering changing routes or eliminating routes, which is an issue of concern to senior citizens.

The SCAC also talked about Sunday bus transportation. Budin, who came from a big city where buses run 24 hours, wants this public service to be available in Greenbelt, although she understands that this will cost the city money. A report regarding issues in the city will be generated for council by December, when budget discussions begin for the next fiscal year.

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# Greenbelt Pageant Contest Winners Savor Experience

by Tami Le

From newfound friendships to greater self-confidence, this year’s Miss Greenbelt Amber Youhouse, Junior Miss Greenbelt Sarah Larkin and Little Miss Greenbelt Amanda Saucier all came home from the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival with a lot more than merely a winning title.

For nearly two months the 22 contestants in the 2009 Greenbelt Pageant bonded through weekly meetings consisting of dance routines, photo sessions, interviews and fundraisers.

Natasha Jewell, this year’s pageant coordinator, said the competition is “designed to teach girls poise and self confidence, how to be at ease with themselves and others, and how to have fun in a team effort toward a common goal.” With that objective, it seems that whether a contestant won or not, they all got something rewarding out of this experience. All the 2009 pageant winners, emphasized how much they enjoyed the experience – in which they were able to make new friends, build confidence and learn new skills.

### Miss Greenbelt

While Amber Youhouse, 15, has heard about the Miss Greenbelt Pageant for some time, she did not actually see it until last year. It was her grandmother who originally wanted Amber to participate.

After speaking to last year’s winner, Gabby Laxamana, Amber was encouraged to sign up for the pageant for the first time this year. Amber said she joined because she wanted “something fun to do over the summer.” In the end she said she had “an amazing time.”

Amber’s, favorite part about the pageant was “meeting all the girls.” This year there were seven Miss Greenbelt contestants. Amber considered all of them “amazing young ladies” and was able to become good friends with them all. She said, “Everyone was so supportive; we practiced modeling and dancing for each other to critique . . . The thing that most eased my pre-pageant anxieties was knowing that I was going onstage with friends.”

Apart from gaining new friends through this experience, Amber also said she gained confidence. This confidence and self-ease was evident during Amber’s 10-minute interview with the judges on Saturday and during her dance routines on Friday and Sunday.

For her onstage question on Sunday, Amber was asked, “Explain how you would support a peer who wanted to remain celibate,” in which she responded she would get them both purity rings to keep each other accountable. Pageant meetings since the beginning of summer gave Amber plenty of practice in both dancing and interviewing.

### Busy for All

The entire weekend of the Labor Day Festival was incredibly stressful and busy for all the contestants. Something was scheduled for the girls to do each day, whether interviewing, dancing and rehearsing.

For Amber, keeping busy is something she is accustomed to. Amber keeps busy by planning events for her school as the sophomore class president at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Amber



PHOTO BY HELEN SYDAVAR

The newly crowned Misses Greenbelt take a ceremonial ride in the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade. From left, they are Amanda Saucier, Amber Youhouse and Sarah Larkin wearing their new banners.

is also involved in theatre in and out of school. This year she was in the play “Auntie Mame” at school and “Alice in the Wonderland” at Prince George’s Little Theatre.

Despite her busy schedule, Amber still finds time for hobbies such as reading and cooking. Her favorite subjects in school are drama, history and government. Amber’s future goal is to become a congresswoman.

As winner of this year’s Miss Greenbelt title, Amber will become even busier. Even with all her school involvements, Amber still looks forward to getting involved in the community as Miss Greenbelt.

Last year’s winners had 37 appearances, mostly helping out with the Greenbelt Recreation Department and Greenbriar. Amber hopes to do many fundraising events for her charity, Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. She is very excited about all this; she said, “I can’t wait to get started.”

Amber, who was sponsored by Three Brothers Italian Restaurant and Catering, received a great deal of support from her family and friends throughout the pageant. Her aunt made posters for her and many of her friends and family members came out to support her. They were all excited when Amber won. Amber recalls, “They were taking pictures and jumping up and down and cheering. They were very ecstatic.”

### Junior Miss Greenbelt

This year’s Junior Miss Greenbelt, Sarah Larkin, 13, has been a longtime fan of the Greenbelt pageant. She saw the pageant for the first time at age seven when her friends were participating. At that time she said, “I really wanted to participate because it looked really fun to be on the stage and dance and the girls looked really nice.” She signed up the following year and has been participating for the last five years.

There were eight contestants in the Junior Miss category this year, some of them Sarah had already known from previous years. From this experience, Sarah said, “I have built a lot of lasting

friendships.” She also mentioned gaining confidence from the pageant. Although Sarah said she is comfortable being on stage, “Practicing and experiencing the interviews has really helped me become more confident in talking to other people.”

On Sunday, Sarah’s on-stage question was: “Many parents monitor the use of their child’s computer and cell phone. If you were a parent today, would you do so, and why or why not?”

With all the practice she’s been receiving, Sarah was able easily to provide a thoughtful response. She said, “If I were a parent today, I would monitor my children’s time on the computer and phone. I wouldn’t necessarily set a time limit; instead, I would want to guide them in spending an appropriate amount of time using electronics. I would also encourage them to take part in other activities such as music and sports.”

With her response, it’s no surprise that Sarah, an 8th grader at St. Hugh’s, is so involved with activities outside of school. She assisted with the Science in the Summer Program at St. Hugh’s and also plays violin with the Maryland Classic Youth Orchestra’s Young Artists.

Sarah has been playing for

nine years and said it is a serious passion of hers. With her love for music and the violin, Sarah said she plans “to share my love for music with children as a music teacher.”

Sarah, who was sponsored by Physician’s Family Practice in Roosevelt Center, said she had a lot of support from her family, friends and neighbors, who all came out to cheer for her. “My mom helped me shop for an interview outfit and dress and prepare for my interview on-stage questions. My neighbors supported the pageant by purchasing pizza kits and cookie dough.”

Sarah and her family were thrilled when she won. Getting crowned and congratulating the other girls was one of Sarah’s favorite things about the contest. Now that she is the 2009 Junior Miss Greenbelt, Sarah said she can’t wait to “help with a lot of activities around Greenbelt and to get to know my pageant sisters. I also hope to attract more girls to the pageant.”

### Little Miss Greenbelt

Amanda Saucier, this year’s Little Miss Greenbelt, has participated in many pageants before she joined Greenbelt’s pageant competition. Amanda, now nine years old, did her first pageant at

age four. She won the American Co-ed pageant at age six and was the Miss Maryland American Princess Queen. Amanda’s mom, Susan Saucier, said they first heard about the Greenbelt pageant through Angie Rodriguez, director of the Miss College Park Pageant, in which Amanda is one of the princesses.

Susan signed Amanda up for the Greenbelt Pageant in part because it was a natural pageant where she said it was age – and clothing – appropriate and all the other families were “down to earth and friendly.” Susan said she loved the Greenbelt pageant because “they help Amanda improve her public speaking skills and how to talk and conduct herself in an interview, help build confidence and give her the chance to perform on stage, which she loves.”

For her on-stage question, Amanda was asked if she thought it was important to eat dinner as a family. She answered that it was, because with everybody’s busy schedules, eating together was a chance to be together as a family and to talk about and share the days’ events.

From this year’s pageant experience, Amanda really enjoyed dressing up and meeting new friends. There were six other contestants in the Little Miss Greenbelt category, “several of whom Amanda now considers her friends,” said her mom. Susan was also impressed with the choreography this year, especially when the girls did a dance number to Frank Sinatra’s “The Way you Look Tonight” on Sunday evening.

Amanda’s favorite parts of the pageant were performing the dance routine, “All That Jazz,” modeling the evening wear and attending the big party afterward.

Amanda, a fourth grader at Odenton Elementary School, enjoys singing in the school chorus, taking tap, jazz and ballet lessons, playing with friends, participating in pageants and designing clothes. When she grows up, she wants a career as either a performer or a musical theater actress.

With all her experience in pageants, it’s no wonder that Amanda won “Most Photogenic.” As for winning Little Miss Greenbelt, Amanda was thrilled and surprised. “I can’t believe I won!” she said. Amanda was sponsored by A Woman’s Touch Therapeutic Massage and her Grandma and Grandpa. Her mom said her family “was so proud!”



PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI

Last year’s winners from left, Kristen Beauchamp, Gabrielle Lakamana and Molly Jankowski perform during the Labor Day Parade.



Little Miss Contestants, sporting sparkly red dresses and long beads, ham it up for the camera. The girls are, seated from left, Amanda Saucier, Serena Byers, Ema Smith, Madison Davis, Elizabeth Leishear and Ann-Marie Bingley and, standing, Carly Feldman and Kristen Beauchamp.



The Junior Miss Contestants in gray flapper dresses are, from left, back row: Arianne Goolsby, Victoria Carr, Sarah Larkin, Rebecca Hall, Dawn Burnett and Camille Carr. In the front row are Victoria Kerdock and Sarah Crank.



The Miss Contestants in red shirts and shorts are, from left, Gabrielle Laxamana, Sakile Lyles, Dakota Cloud, Amber Youhouse, Patience Heyward, Danielle Dernoga, Leslie Alston and Claire Flintoff.

## Miss Greenbelt Pageant Awards

**Little Miss:** First Runner up Elizabeth Leishear and Second Runner up Ema Smith

**Junior Miss:** First Runner up Camille Carr; Second Runner up Sarah Crank; and Third Runner up Rebecca Hall

**Miss Greenbelt:** First Runner up Sakile Lyles and Second Runner up Claire Flintoff

**Miss Photogenic:** Little Miss, Amanda Saucier; Junior Miss, Arianne Goolsby; and Miss Greenbelt, Leslie Alston

**Miss Congeniality** (voted by contestants is the girl who best typifies the spirit of cooperation, friendship and the ability to get along with others): Little Miss, Ema Smith; Junior Miss, Sarah Larkin; and Miss Greenbelt, Amber Youhouse

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but also pointed out significant complexities associated with the proposed Craftstar development and a range of collateral issues intertwined with the hard-fought agreements the city had been able to negotiate during 2003-2006 in the form of developer agreements, covenants placed on the property at the time of the DSP approval and in an annexation agreement to bring the entire South Core property within Greenbelt boundaries.

Of most importance to the city is a list of financial agreements totaling nearly \$3,000,000 that includes \$2,000,000 for public recreational facilities, \$500,000 for street improvements along Cherrywood Lane, \$500,000 for improvements to the Greenbelt Police Station and \$300,000 for recreational facilities along the Indian Creek Valley, along with partial funding of a roundabout traffic circle at the intersection of Cherrywood Lane and Metro Access Drive and other transportation improvements like shuttle service for residents to the Metro.

### Connector Road

Less clear but still very complicated is the sorting out of responsibilities for the connector road to serve the South Core property and provide access to Greenbelt Road for future residents. The connector road also would join the North Core section of the Metroland LLC property and the Metro station and a new ramp off I-95/495. This road would be dependent upon funding by the county and the state and through Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) mechanisms undertaken by the city and county.

The city planning staff noted in an October 2 memo that while the development agreement specified exact dollar amounts that Greenbelt Station would contribute to Greenbelt, any TIF, should one ultimately be approved, was conditioned on many factors and would be variable depending on the actual value of the proposed development.

At the present time the connector road is in a sort of limbo, with the county failing to follow through on its TIF commitments and council concerned about the deplorable state of the uncompleted Greenbelt Road connection to the bridge leading to the proposed connector road. The county has apparently indicated that no money is available to complete those improvements.

Council questions were directly aimed at the staying power of the various agreements and how possible council actions to accommodate the Craftstar project might jeopardize the prior hard-fought agreements. Manzi provided some assurance that the city has important legal rights under various agreements he worked hard to pin down during the long review process of the Metropark LLC development proposals. He indicated, however, that they could waive certain of those rights under the agreements and not necessarily create a precedent affecting other rights.

In the final analysis, it was generally agreed that covenants applicable to the Craftstar proposal might be modified but that developer agreements affecting promises to the city for its approval of the original Metropark LLC proposal would be more

difficult to resolve.

### Storm Water

Another complicating factor relates to storm water management. As reported earlier, during this summer's APB meetings the developers/builders raised the issue of a legislative effort likely go into effect in May 2010 making the local county and state requirements for storm water management more stringent than current requirements for the South Core site.

In effect the applicants were urging that the approvals be timely enough so they would not be subject to the 2010 requirements.

The APB reaction was that the requirements might be a problem for the developer/builders but would be better overall for the environment.

In the worksession discussion, the topic was further complicated by a report that the South Core site has been recently cited by the city for violations of storm water sediment control violations. The mayor noted that this issue now had the attention of the APB as well as the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES).

There is also heightened interest by those committees and other Greenbelt organizations relating to the legislative process for the proposed 2010 storm water standards. Manzi indicated the possibility, however, that a development site with an approved DSP could possibly be grandfathered under the current storm water requirements.

Yet another complication is the fact that the Town of Berwyn Heights and the City of College Park have separate agreements with Metropark LLC, primarily tying their approvals for development to financial incentives for their respective cities. It was noted that Berwyn Heights had already acted to withhold approval for any revisions to the DSP. College Park was to act on the question on October 6.

### Applicant's Response

Craftstar Homes was given an opportunity to address the specific issues of the APB majority report and staff reports and analyses. Norman Rivera, representing Craftstar, noted their progress during and after the APB meetings and how close they were to meeting APB and staff concerns with design and site plan features for their proposed 122 homes.

He said Craftstar was willing to do what it takes to obtain approval for the proposed development.

Craftstar representatives also dealt with the issue of pricing for the townhomes. Although the prices may start around \$305,000, there are five progressively more expensive styles (elevations) for the townhomes. Some units approached \$450,000 in projected cost. Also noted was an expected gradual increase in the start cost of units as sales increase over time.

At this meeting there seemed to be agreement by Craftstar that they would accede to the APB and Planning staff recommendation to assure there would be uniform property lines for all townhomes, dealing with the issue of varying widths in the alleyways between rows of units, thus discouraging the parking of cars on the aprons in front of the garages.

Council also complimented

Craftstar on their Energy Star certifications for their more recent homes.

### 2006 Agreement

Following the Craftstar presentation, Garth Beall, representing the Smith Family Trust, which owns the Metropark LLC property, was asked to cover the most complicated area presented by consideration of the DSP revision, namely the status of the Metropark LLC commitments to the city in developer agreements of 2006 linked specifically to the South Core development.

There was a sense that Beall would have his work cut out for him when the mayor noted the cool reception to a "confidential" letter from Beall to the city dated August 24, 2009. The letter had requested that several obligations the parties had made in various development agreements between Metropark LLC and the city be amended. Specifically the letter outlined 10 requests.

Three requests relate to Craftstar design and site plan features that were the subject of approved covenants and which were discussed by the APB.

One relates to a proposed modification for funding of the North-South connector road different from what had been outlined in the annexation agreement.

Several requests related to provisions of the development agreement. One would delete a provision requiring the removal of junk, trash and debris from the lands to be dedicated to the city.

Five others request removal of the financial commitments made by the developers to the city, including contributions for public recreation, the roundabout, improvements to Cherrywood Lane, improvements to the Greenbelt Police Station and creation of a stream valley entryway.

### Tradeoff

The letter outlines a tradeoff of those commitments with a lessening of the city's purported obligations for the connector road funding, asserting that the city would break even financially and the Greenbelt Metropark development "will be permitted to move forward," providing the city flexibility to complete requirements and to obtain funding at a time "convenient to it."

Beall was apologetic to council for the tone of the letter. He noted that if the suggestions were not feasible, he would be interested in pursuing other options. Although councilmembers were less than thrilled with the letter, they wanted to make sure they had explored the possibility of making further modifications to development arrangements that might improve the existing plan, such as the affordability issue, other forms of ownership such as cooperatives, a focus on workforce housing and better transit options.

Davis expressed a need for ways to separate the "agreement" issues from the Craftstar proposal. Rivera suggested another worksession to focus on the agreement issues.

### Time Constraint

Further compounding the issue was the time constraint for consideration of the DSP revision request by the County Planning Board. The planning board would be considering the DSP proposal at its early November meeting. City planning staff considered

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**"Signs of the Times" won the Utopian Visions Award for the Utopia Film Festival. The film documents the development of hand signals used by umpires for strike, safe, out and foul that today's fans would be lost without. The film will be screened Saturday, October 24 at noon in the Old Greenbelt Theatre.**

Greenbelt venues: the historic P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre, the Greenbelt Arts Center, Beltway Plaza Mall's Academy Stadium Theatres and the Greenbelt Municipal Building.

### Free Events

The first free event is a screening of American Colonies: Collapse of the Bee, at 7 p.m. Monday, October 19 at Greenbelt's New Deal Café, 113 Centerway.

This documentary explores the mysterious "colony collapse disorder" which has devastated bee populations across the nation. Several experts, including scientists Jay Evans and Nathan Rice, both of Greenbelt, will be on hand to answer post-screening questions. Goddard climate expert Wayne Esias will also take part in the post-screening discussion.

"The film's main message is the importance of honeybees to all our lives in terms of diversity of food and healthy fruits," said Evans, a Beltsville Agricultural Research Center geneticist. "It especially emphasizes how difficult this situation has been for beekeepers. It's not a profitable business to begin with and it's affected thousands of beekeepers, not only in the United States but in Europe and Asia as well."

A vegan buffet dinner may be purchased beginning at 6:30 in advance of the screening.

### Animation Videos

Also slated for Monday, October 19, two free programs featuring animation videos created by young students of GATE animation instructor George Kochell will screen at the Greenbelt Library, 11 Crescent Road. The first screening of Spotlight on GATE Animation will take place at 4 p.m.,

with a second at 6 p.m.

On Tuesday, October 20 at 7 p.m. the library will also host a free screening of One of the Miracles: The Inge Meyring Smith Story. This documentary examines a life that became the light of learning for thousands of children, with Smith and her family recounting her journey from Holocaust survivor to American civil rights activist and early-education pioneer.

Another woman's courageous life – this one African-American – is the subject of My Mother's Journey, a film by award-winning local director Sam Hampton, which will screen free of charge Thursday, October 22 at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Hampton's documentary tells the story of Elizabeth Hampton, an African-American woman who moved from the South to the North, becoming an unlikely community activist during the civil rights era. Hampton will be on hand to answer questions after the film.

Although film events from October 19 through 22 are free, all-inclusive passes for the entire October 24 through 25 weekend lineup of films will be available for sale at the free events. Passes may also be purchased on Saturday, October 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket on the Roosevelt Center entrance and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, October 18 at the Farmers Market in the parking near the Aquatic Center.

*Susan Gervasi is the publicity chair for the Utopia Film Festival.*

that a very serious time constraint for making further adjustments or considering alternatives.

Council wrapped up the meeting by agreeing on direction to the staff to continue working on the Craftstar requirements that would allow consideration of their proposal and for the city manager to develop a "game plan" for moving forward on the larger, more complicated issues. Also discussed was the possibility of seeking postponement until January of the County Planning Board consideration of the Revised DSP and an invitation by the Craftstar representative for council to tour some of Craftstar's existing developments in the area.

## Montpelier Celebrates 30th Anniversary

The Montpelier Art Center will celebrate its 30th anniversary on Sunday afternoon, October 18. An open house, including studios, will be held from noon to 5 p.m. At 2 p.m. a program of awards and addresses will be held. At 3 p.m. the Montpelier Jazz All Stars will perform. This group includes Buck Hill, Ethel Ennis, Davey Yarborough, Dick Morgan, James King and Chuck Redd. At 4 p.m. there will be a reception to which all are invited. All events are free.

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MONDAY

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11 Crescent Road

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New Deal Café

113 Centerway

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4:00pm

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6:00pm

Shorts • Animation for All Ages

• 50 mins • Program repeats

7:00pm

American Colonies:  
Collapse of the Bee

DOC • 78 mins • Jason Kushner

• OCTOBER 20th

TUESDAY

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One of the Miracles:  
The Inge Meyring Smith Story

DOC • 97 mins • Clay Stafford

Photos • Clockwise from top:

GAVA/GATE Animation

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Boogie Doodle

Signs of the Time

My Mother's Journey

One of the Miracles

American Colonies

• OCTOBER 22nd

THURSDAY

City of Greenbelt

Municipal Building

25 Crescent Road

2nd Floor • Council Chambers

My Mother's Journey

DOC • 54 mins • Sam Hampton

• LOCAL FILMMAKER

• OCTOBER 23rd

FRIDAY

Greenbelt Arts Center

123 Centerway

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Filmmakers Reception

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Presentations and Ceremony

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UTOPIA

continues OCTOBER 24th and 25th  
see our ad in next week's Greenbelt News Review

**Black Soldiers in Blue**  
DOC • 30 mins • Warren Bass  
SAT at NOON  
P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre

**Green Towns USA**  
DOC • 101 mins • June Finfer  
SUN at 2:00pm  
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**Euforia**  
DOC • 100 mins • Alfonso Corona  
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Experimental Film Block  
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